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Legislature, Senator Janssen opened another line of discussion about the lady who had the pistol in her purse. There are statistics, and I'm not going to make up any percentages, although I could. A high percentage of people who are shot in their homes, when they are armed and pulling a weapon against an intruder, have that weapon taken away from them and used against them. People on the street who pull these weapons, regularly have the weapon taken and used against them, and the weapon is kept and used in other places. A high percentage of police officers, I think it's above 30 percent, I forget the bill we were discussing before the Judiciary Committee, have their weapons taken from them and used against them. These are police officers. And it was on a bill that was going to try to make taking a cop's gun a crime. And I felt it was a crime on the part of the cop to make it so easy for somebody to take his or her gun. But if those who are armed and the arm is a part of their uniform, and over 30 percent of those people have their weapon taken and used against them. These anecdotes about women with pistols in their purses giving clever responses to questions are entertaining and engaging, but they are not arguments that should persuade us to pass a bill like this. It's a very serious thing that we are doing. And all the anecdotes in the world will not bring back one person who, because of this bill, winds up losing his or her life. Just like all the king's horses and all the king's men could not put Humpty Dumpty together again, we cannot restore that which will be taken. Not one person who supports this bill has stood on the floor and given any concrete examples of the slaughter and carnage occurring because people don't have these guns hidden in their clothes, yet they want us to believe that's why we ought to pass the bill. Ordinarily this Legislature would not even take an issue seriously, if it had such flimsy reasons given for it and the consequences are so grave. This bill is a flimflam. I'm going to demonstrate the ability to take us through eight hours. And if a cloture vote is successful, we'll have eight more hours on Select File. But because I see this bill, if it becomes law, as being such a threat to the public, it becomes necessary for me to put any roadblock in its path, Senator Smith, that I can. Whether it's a big speed bump, whether it's cutting down, allegorically speaking, a redwood tree across the road, whether it's stacking up one dead bill after another dead bill to keep this one from coming before us, that is what has to